

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2017

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Commissioner Arefi called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Arefi, Awasthi, Chang, Grilli, Tsai.
Commissioner absent: Grilli. Alternate Commissioner Present: Shapiro.
- Council Liaison Anthony Phan: Absent
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Absent
MUSD Liaison: Absent.
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** Alternate Commissioner Shapiro was seated.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Commissioner Arefi led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of May 25, 2017.
M / S: Awasthi / Tsai Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of June 22, 2017.
M / S: Tsai / Awasthi Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Staff announced that the annual membership of \$680 for Sister Cities International was paid.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Economic Development Department Presentation**
Edesa Bitbadal, Economic Development Director, provided a recap of her trip to Chengdu, China as a Milpitas representative with the Silicon Valley delegation. Council member Anthony Phan also attended. It was noted that the hosts paid for the trip as part of an economic development program for Chengdu. Discussion followed regarding a working relationship between the Sister Cities and Economic Development Commissions (EDC). Director Bitbadal noted that the EDC is focused on businesses in Milpitas and economic development including reviewing plans for specific projects.
- 2. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Bangalore (Bengaluru), India**
Commissioner Awasthi is the lead commissioner for this research and will begin his research not that this is an official item of the SCC agenda.

3. Cancellation of July Meeting

MOTION: Cancel the July 27 meeting and reconvene at the regularly scheduled meeting of August 22, 2017.

M / S: Awasthi / Chang

Ayes: All

IX. Old Business

4. Fiscal Year 17-18 Work Plan & Council Presentation

Staff reviewed updated FY17-18 Work Plan and selected Council meeting dates of September 5th for the Chair to present this work plan. Discussion followed regarding updates to the current plan.

MOTION: To approve the FY17-18 Work Plan for presentation to Council.

M / S: Awasthi / Shapiro

Ayes: All

5. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Hyderabad, India

Consensus of the SCC was to remove this item from the agenda.

6. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin American City

This item was postponed to the August 22 meeting.

7. Update: Contact with Milpitas High School (MHS) Leadership Team

Staff contacted Milpitas Unified School District Superintendent Cheryl Jordan and received direction to contact the new principal. There will have a verbal report of developments at the August 22 meeting.

8. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister Cities Program

Commissioner Arefi stated he is having discussions with industry leaders about the Sister Cities Program. He will follow-up on expressed interest at a future meeting.

5. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities

No report available during the summer break.

7. Tsukuba City, Japan

No report available.

8. Dagupan City, Philippines

Lead Commissioner Tsai provided background on Philippines Independence Day and noted that he met with community leaders in Milpitas. He will contact Mayor Fernandez' assistant Tina Sinlao about coordinating interests between Milpitas and Dagupan.

9. Huizhou Municipality, China

Staff reported that there is no update regarding the search to office space for Huizhou's trade office in Milpitas.

X. Student Liaison Report – None

XI. City Council Liaison Report – None

XII. School District Liaison Report – None

XIII. Future Agenda Items

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. Bangalore (Bengaluru), India
3. Work Plan FY17-18 & Council Presentation
4. Host Family Preparations

XII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of June 22, 2017 to the meeting of August 24, 2017.
M / S: Tsai / Awasthi Ayes: All